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Nilgiri Yojana
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme namely 'Nilgiri Yojana' has been introduced to provide free wi-fi facility at all the railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with MoUs signed, if any, in this regard with some major IT companies;

(c) the number of railway stations at which this facility has been provided so far under the said scheme;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target to complete this scheme; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): No, Madam. However, the project of provision of high-speed Wi-Fi services has been undertaken by RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways in collaboration with M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. MIIPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc.

The Wi-Fi services under this collaboration have been planned only at 400 nos. Class A1/A Stations of Indian Railways.
The Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided free for only the first 30 minutes per day.
(b): RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways, has entered into a collaboration with M/s. Mahataa Information India Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. MIIPL), an Indian subsidiary of Google Inc., for providing high speed Wi-Fi services at 400 nos. Class A1/A Stations on Indian Railways. The project is being executed jointly by RailTel & M/s. MIIPL.
(c): Presently, Wi-Fi services in collaboration with M/s. MIIPL has been provided only at Mumbai Central Station on Western Railway.
(d) & (e): Project shall be undertaken in two (02) phases to cover a total of 400 Class A1/A stations. 100 stations, where the work is in progress, shall be covered initially in Phase-I, after completion of which, work on 300 stations shall be taken up in Phase-II.
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